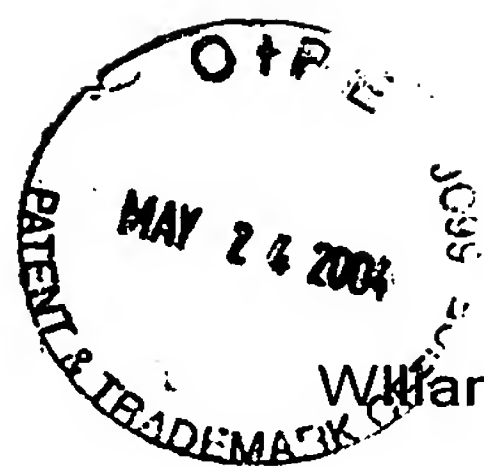


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Sir:

This is in response to a notice to file corrected application papers and in particular a replacement abstract whose wording does not exceed 150 words. Please accept the supplanting abstract in compliance with the current requirements of 37 CFR 1.72(b) and 37 CFR 1.121.